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13. ABSTRACT (Maximum 200 words) Three graduate students have been supported by the grant. And Tricia Jones is currently working with the Principal Investigator, Asit Basu, for her Ph.D. degree in statistics. The other two students, Mary Richardson and Larry Ries have completed their dissertations in December, 1995 and 1997. Interesting results on software reliability theory have been obtained. Comparative studies of existing methods are made. Also criteria are being developed as to when a software can be released to the users. Both Bayesian and frequentist approaches are considered.					
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FINAL TECHNICAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 15, 1994 TO SEPTEMBER 14, 1997

TO

THE AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

ON

INFERENCE AND MODELING FOR REPAIRABLE SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE
(AIR FORCE GRANT NO. AFOSR F49620-94-1-0355)

BY THE

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PROGRESS REPORT ON INFERENCE AND MODELING FOR REPAIRABLE SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE (GRANT NO. F49620-1-0355)

1. **OBJECTIVES:** The primary purpose of this project is to provide support and train a graduate student so that he or she can complete a Ph.D. in Statistics.

2. **STATUS OF EFFORT:** Three students, Larry Ries Mary Richardson and Tricia Jones, have been supported by the Grant. Mr. Larry Ries completed his Ph.D. dissertation in December 1995. Mary Richardson completed her Ph.D. in 1997. Currently Trish Jones is finishing her dissertation.

3. **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Larry Ries obtained some interesting results in the area of software reliability. He has made a comparative study of some existing methods and has also developed criterion as to when a software can be released to the potential users. Tricia Jones, in collaboration with Dr. Barry McKinney of Rome Laboratory, worked on some design problems related to aircraft reliability. Mary Richardson developed some inference procedures related to software reliability models.

4. PERSONNEL SUPPORTED:

Faculty: Asit P. Basu

Graduate Students:

1. Tricia Jones
2. Mary Richardson
3. Larry Ries

5. **PUBLICATIONS:** in peer-reviewed journals and refereed book chapters during the reporting period.

1. Software Reliability: Statistical Modeling, Estimation and Inference. Ph.D. dissertation by Larry Ries (December, 1995).
2. Power Law Process Models for Nonhomogeneous Poisson Process Change-Points. Ph.D. dissertation by Mary Richardson (July, 1997).
3. Effect of Non-normality on Some Design Problems for Improved Reliability Estimates (1997) Proc. Of Physical Science Section, American Statistical Association. Trish Jones and Asit Basu (1996)

6. INTERACTIONS/TRANSITIONS:

6.1 INTERACTIONS

a) The PI is discussing with Dr. Barry McKinney of Rome Laboratory research topics of mutual interest. A graduate student, Tricia Jones, worked on the project initiated by McKinney, as a part of her Ph.D. dissertation.

b) The PI attended the following two Air Force conferences:

1. 3rd Aging aircraft conference at WPAFB, September 1995.

2. 4th Aging aircraft conference at Air force Academy, July 1996.

The PI explored potential areas of research with the following with a view to developing relevant statistical methods.

- a) Dr. Tom Swift, FAA
- b) Dr. Walter Jones, AFOSR
- c) Mr. Rigo Perez, McDonnell Douglas
- d) Mr. Jim Rudd, WPAFB
- e) Mr. Claire Paul, WPAFB

6.2 Transitions

NONE

7. PATIENT DISCLOSURES:

None

8. HONORS

Asit P. Basu was elected Fellow of the following societies:

1. American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1987
2. American Statistical Association, 1983
3. Institute of Mathematical Statistics, 1983
4. Royal Statistical Society, England, 1974

and also was elected

5. Member of International Statistical Institute, 1987.

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- a. University of Missouri-Columbia
University Name
- b. AFOSR F49620-94-1-0355
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- c. _____
R&T Number
- d. Asit P. Basu
P.I. Name
- e. From: 6/15/96 To: 9/14/97
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- a. Funding: \$ 28,762
- b. Number FTEGS: .22

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- a. Funding: \$ 73,226
- b. Number FTEGS: 0

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- a. Funding: \$ 24,578
- b. Number FTEGS: 1.00
- c. Number UGS: 0

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Asit P. Basu
Principal Investigator

4/22/98
Date